

June Executive Council Meeting
Immanuel Lutheran Church
June 12, 2018

Members present: Elizabeth Hansen, Tami Ehlers, Bob Peterson, Pat Hammer, Pastor Paul Nelson, Tony Szczepaniak (remotely)

Devotions by Beth.

Secretary's report: The May minutes were read. Tami moved to approve, seconded by Bob, the motion carried.

Long range planning: Tony talked about the long range planning process, which is moving slower than anticipated. At this point the committee is seeking input over the next three months from all the council committee chairs and staff groups. Questions asked will include "Where are we feeling aligned with our mission and values? Where are we not aligned? How can we more efficiently and effectively fulfill our mission?" This process will realistically take all summer.

Pastor's report: Dave Espe has been hired as Director of Servant Song (for the 10:45 contemporary service). Tom Getchius will direct the Epiphany choir with the assistance of Christina Orton. Beth moved to approve these two changes; Tony seconded the motion, which passed.

Stewardship recommends that we have a special offering to support Lutheran World Relief. This would support our medical missionary in Tanzania and has the potential to be matched up to \$5,000.00. Bob moved to approve this one-time offering opportunity; Tami seconded the motion, which passed.

President's report: The dedicated accounts change is progressing. The Onward Eden Prairie lease has some minor changes in the offing, just language changes as recommended by Paul Savereide. The lease will be emailed out to council for email approval.

Common Bond, an entity that is attempting to put together an affordable housing development in Eden Prairie, would like a letter from Immanuel supporting their plan. There was discussion about the appropriateness of a church-sanctioned letter. The letter supporting Common Bond's proposal was approved post-council meeting, motion by Bob, second by Tami, passed.

The congregation will be reminded at the annual meeting that the council represents them and their points of view.

The meeting adjourned.

Pat Hammer, council secretary